A Hue and Cry after the Bulls of Bashan. 1080 28

P. D.V's Epistola ad H.B.

AM satis diu injurias atque offensas superne despiciendo contritus fuisti, D. B. nimium dia conducti Calumniatores fuere tumultuati, tempus est ut Ego, monstrorum domitor, Tibi pereunti succurram causamque & finem detegam engruentis de die in diem mali. Ex quo reliquisti Basaviam nullus Concionator ad Londinensem Ecclesiam Belgica Societatis fuit ablegatus quin speciali mandato fuit instructus ut te redderet invisum Anglis teque iss conniventibus transmitteret ut Fratres in deserto clamantes de tuo corio transmisso luderent. Clament Arvales Fratres & terram cuelo confundant Pastores oppidani, nostrates non patientur tales enormitates. Prapotentes Domini Ordines non id vellent neque desiderant. Ipsmet enim insubidos eorum insultus E. dictis compescuere Rysseniumque nominatino infamia notavere. Neque Dom. Curatores & Consules, us placerent Tribunis plebis, wellent fieri Tyranni. His cum fint illustrioris familia quoque sunt mitioris indolis: Nam permiserunt te a Domino Rege restitui in integrum. Concionatores, qui & gentem habent honestiorem, sunt quoque placabiliores. At sartorum filis non Evangelizant pacem. Hi vindicando detegunt se sontes: Nam vindictam commiserunt Diaboli Capellanis. Hier Ordines sui Pudenda, probra at

dehonestamenta conduxerunt Taurum ac Echinum ut tecum commessando famam tuam conficerent, vires tua alacritatis depascerent. Urus & Bisons te perduxerunt in lupanaria ut te devorarent lupæ. Cautus a Luparum lacunis retunuisti unques. Ipse Taurus confessus est Te integellum castumque mansisse. Hi Sycophanta ablegarunt ad te Perduelles, qui male de Rege fuere loquuti. Quodfi corum maledictis fuisses assentatus, illi retulissent sua verba tuis inimicis, qui subornassent Perjuros, qui pejerassent te quoq; cum iis de Rege loquatum fuisse licet de Libris, Picturis, imaginibus vel numismatis sermones instituisses. Nunquam pernoctas in Orbe, quin prope tuum ænopolium, juxta tuum hospitium locantur Puella. Empiricus iste Doctor, ut omnium imbellis, ita coterorum maledicentissimus, adit compotationes Pictorum, Sartorum, Textorum, Carpentariorum, Bibliopolarum & meretricum, instruitque omnes quibus te quavis hebdomade criminibus diffamarent. Momi maculas in Sole quarentes cumulatis calumniis conglobatis mendaciorum portentis te denigerant ac macerant us toties repetita clade tandem succumbas. Vafri Capellani pecunia & simultatibus à te tuos intimos abalienarunt amicos, audentque dicere te divortium fesisse ab illis teque omnibus esse morosum. Diaboli incarnati. Tu tantum abest ut ob persidiam & dolos prosequaris odio amicos, ut cum iis velis reverti in gratiam, si velint testimonium exhibere contra Incendiarios, ita aquus es ut Tempestatibus jactatos velis in portu salvos habere. Nimia credulitas caligine pressos & fames auri avaros rapuit rapietque. Miraris pervicaciam istius Tauri de Baschan

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Semper honos nomenq; tuum laudefq; manebunt.

Clarissime Beverlande,

Ras mihi notus & scriptis tuis & Sermone multorum. Indignabar te tam crudeliter tra-'duci a popularibus tuis. Non semel stimulabar te admonere. Quod hucusque silui non malevolo animo meo, sed difficili tempori velim adscribas. Scana matuta volui ut meæ erga te senceritatis testimonium extaret. Satis diu injurias Spartana nobilitate concoxisti. Tempus est in arenam prodeas. Crudelis est qui famam suam negligit. Ex quo reliquisti Bataviam semper Fratres in Deserto clamarunt ut Batavi in Anglia commorantes te invifum redderent Anglis, is que conniventibus te transmitterent. Ot primum tua Recantatio Spanhemii oculis affulfit, ita perculsus suit ut D. Curatores et Consules rogaverit ut te ab exilio revocarent. Annuerunt illi & Serenis. D. Rex

D.Rex te restituit. Ingenita bonis mentibus humanitas effecit ut te benevolentia fuerint amplexi. D. Proceres.

At qui mansuetudinis & charitatis rationem non noverunt te cupiunt ignominia afficere. Quare ad te miserunt Taurum ac Sylvanum ut investigarent tuum clinamen, quo cognito ut humana fragilitat decipulas objicerent teque prostituerent. Ut laben integritati tua adfricarent ab hospitibus tuis & ali unde versuram fecerunt. Singulis momentis one rant famam tuam criminibus Rumigeruli. Et ba fortasse utcunque mitissima tua indoles tollerare poss videtur fe finem semel lassa imponeret Hecate

turba, utpote a te aliena.

At conducti homines (si homines dicendi sint) in defessi te noctu dieque premunt, cumulant calumniis Simulae moraris Londini statim molossi in te immit tunt lupas. Amici tui facti funt delatores. Per sidi amici saciunt ut de tetriumphent Inimici. No satit video qui huic malo possis mederi. Si meus a mor, fides & constantia aliquid possint conferre en vo veo dextram, mei in te obsequii pignus. Nam inge nii tui dot es ita me rapuerunt ut felicem mihi i lum diem prædicarem quo meum erga te cultum po, sim testari. Non videris perspectus habere es expli ratas Vafrorum nequitias. Bibaculus alit lenam, il veneficas, quas de arena ruina dimisit. Si velis cui theatro rimari desicient tibi latera. Prejudicis intox satos confundent Leguleji. Compone immortale od um Duello. Si Ego possum aliquid ad Vros & Vrs eicurandos conferre, sis certas omnia a mea pari semper Tibi parata fore. Vale & Lætare.

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I Te plus oculis meis amarem, candidissime So. dalis, te internecina oderem aver sione auod tot conviciorum plaustra in os meum sustineas evomere. Non sum nescius Patres Patratos credere & dicere me istius Libelli Scriptorem eosq; ut ex meo corio tenderent tympana facerentq; ex ossibus plectra Tribuni, me rabida aviditate concupiscere transmissum. Qui limato aurium pollet judicio, is novit me non sine sale & lepore murmura fundere: at iste Libellus est insulsissima concio Pastoris oppidani. Composueram historiam Seculi Cocceano Voetiani: Sed ex quo laborantis Patria metuebam casum, pro ea non timidus mori, eam combussi. Licet prateritarum injuriarum oblivio deceat Christianum, imprimis cum ad Seren. Regis & Senatus Academici nutum omnis offensa resederit: tamen hi Fratres, Sacri in Gallia Veris cause immemores aternumq; nescij charitatis, maluerunt notos atq; ignotos conscribere, qui per fas vel nefas everterent gloria impetratum tropaum perderent que famosum. Horum furori siverunt se auctorari isti amici, quibus nulla reverentia Numinis aut Conscientia. Licet nulla capitalior sit injustitia, arquente Lumine Gentium, quam Socium perfidia illudere considentem; tamen Doctoris Malburiensis inystice imbutos

imbutos principis, in innocuum confabulatorem propulit amor dapis atque prada. Omnium scelestissimus Ochus, qui cum nihil de me poterat re-ferre mali, sua delirimenta clam mihi adfricuit effecita; ut hospites, anopola atq; coqui me torvo occiderent vultu atq; aliquis inani terrore perculsus inscio propinaverit Toxica. Cum Batanzota referrem nonnullos Oyuyes me sua scabie inficere, ille in solaciolum mei doloris aliud ore promens, alind corde condens, immerentem proteri indignatus dolentem incitavit in Vexatores, ab ipfo irritatos. Si tum temporis, cum calida rixa oleum infunderet Ochus, collectas volventi injurias exciderint lubrica lingua, ea non mihi, sed buic Incendiario, cui cor in felle & lingua in melle, debent imputari. Sed Hydra Cataractas avertit. Dr. T. S. M. homo antiqua fide erga R. J. & incontaminato erga Amicum candore atq; virtute clarus. Incassum quoq; fuere corum conatus, qui ad me miserant Prophanos, tentantes maturare ruinam mille modis Dyugiois. Quantum gavisi fuissent vindictà tumidi si per hos Leviathanes non nibil ex me fuissent expiscati, quo suum de Atheismo convicium potuissent adstruere maleferiati. Scelere ante alios immanior Oenobibliopola, qui simulac intelligit me pernoctare in urbe, sta-8.m. ad Concionatoris, lymphata mente prava jubentis, arbitrium millit Uxorem & hac lupatas & saniosas scelesta in me lupas. Cum insiciare non auserint Compotatures me Sirenum scopulis irretsum latrantia inquina declinaffe; miror summopera

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pere illos insontem accusare aliene atatis & regionis malefacti. Melius sibi consulerent Ebriosi si fracto cado Nemesi litarent. Si Uvidi noluerint indoli sua facere fraudem, imputent sibi si Sicci feriantur Talione. Adhortaris ut cum Ferocibus in arenam descenderem. Facis id quidem ratione tua Stationis: at longe alia mea mihi persuadet educatio, cui omnis profusio Sanguinis detestata. Pratereares mihi cum Discinctis per mulieres sideritas recalcitrantibus. Vides itaq; quantô periculo loricam opponerem pallijs atq; stolis. Quod si tamen Ochus ex Erebo perrexerit mugire, conabor illum Erinniadibus cadere furiosum. Cunctis impar cedo Malitia. Persidia Ultorem veneror, nimbis nunc remotis, meliorem Pervicacibus mentem duat : At vero Adulatores, quibus nil veri, nil fancti, ableget ad Iscariotidis Sedem. Delatores ad Leonem. Licet linguam cunttabundus custodiam; retinuos tamen mentis recessus longa & larga manu remeantes explorant Tortores. Difficile est avaris inter oblati lucri contagia incedere incontaminatis. Tu qui pejus leto flagitium times perge constanti side minas contundere Draconum. Quod si fortiter seceris non tuo cranio Asaroton sternetur infernum. Vale.

Dabam in Monte, unde Ecclesia Visibilis. XVII. Martij, MDCCII.

P. D. Vs

LETTER

TO

Mr. H. B.

Dearly beloved we greet you well,

Hereas I am informed that many Oxen are come about you, that fat Bulls of Basan close you in on every side. That also many Dogs are come about you, and that the counsal of the wicked have lid siege against you. I am obliged to give you notice of the Musick of Anytus, Melitus, and Lycon, which sounds louder than the great Bell at Oxford, or St. Paul's Tom. Coming from Maestricht to Amsterdam, I fell in Discourse with a Domini, who liked more a Dancing-Master than a Parson, he asked me if

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I knew you in England? I Answer'd him that I had the happiness to see you and your fine Collection. What, he replyed, did you call it a Happiness to fall in Company of an Atheist? I asked if he had feen your Recantation? He immediately burlefqued your Book with the fame impudence as he ferv'd the Learned Dodwel at Oxford, 1691. He defired me, when I should come to London, to go to the Dutch Ministers, who shou'd tell me your Life and Conversation. Coming at London, I understood that D. K. was gone into the Country to expiate his Conscience. I heard of Boiljeu that D. de Weede was not your Friend: that Mr. H. Buil was put on purpose upon you, to Feast with you, and after to put all his Romances upon you, to take your Reputation away. His Wife told me also, That the Dutch Divines will bring you upon the Stage, that they will be even with you the one time or the other. You playing the fool 1678 at Leyden with a Wyour Landladies Maid tempt you with the same alluring frolick. Bull made you on that purpose Drunk. After spending a Crown a piece, he treated you with 2 Bottles of Sack. You coming not fober at home, the Maid lighted you above, and fat down upon a Cheft with her stomack open; and, Spatale pinguior Hispulla promulside praparabat persidiam, This was reported to all the Whores. The Contrivers have put many Carrions this 7 years upon you, but all in vain; at least Mrs. Boiljen, where the Datch Parson used

to Drink and Smoak, put her Companion, Oct. 1702. actually in the Street, and Nov. visibly another in your Lodging upon you, to obferve your Physiognomy, Voice, and Cloaths. Their Treasure being exhausted, and Plot discovered, they will, right or wrong, accuse you guiltless of High Treason with hired Evidences, jure & facto infam. The villany of the intended mischief is perceiveable. You remember that Boiljeu's Wife told you, I do not know what you did with my Maid. The Maid being in the Shop, 4 foot long, and taken up with a Tradesman. Another wickedness at a venture. You sold your Library, March 1693. Then the Privateers di-sperst that at Leyden. 1678. was found in your Study, Juvenal Grangai, out of the University Library. Very true you gave a half Crown to the Keeper, to have the use of the same. Lady day 1693. you dined in Spring-Garden with Mr. Bull. He having put a Gentlemans Golden Lowis in his pocket, and was rift out of the same by your Exorcismus, afraid you should blame him, goes behind you and bites you by the Legs, and (to get credit to his Lyes) ordered the Drawers' to tempt you with Silver Spoons, fend also Rogues and Whores, to Lords and Gentlemen to try you with Monies, Meddals, Diamonds, Rubies, Seals, Washes, Prints, and Books, but all in vain. Have a care that no body drops a firiking Watch in your Pocket in Coach, Church, or Tavern. This shou'd have been believ'd by common

common People having received this barbarous blow of the Lowis d'or before hand. The Pi-Etures and Print-Sellers, who have devoured your Estate, slighting you now your stock of Generofity is gone, complain'd also with the Bears and . Bulls of Balbam. That wretched Tempest, who is the cause of your ruin, blasted your Generosity with this baseness. At least to raise suddenly all calamities upon you; they put a Question to you if Traitors and Slanderers were Christians? truly Judas was a Christian; but when he betrayed his Master with a Kis, he was no Christian. Them falls friends, Areopagità tectiores, Panô perfidiores, Partha mendaciores, who flatters dolo malo to ruin a fincere Friend, here Devils. Nay, them hirelings, who flanders an innocent with notorious Lyes, which the Devil himself cannot believe (being more a Gentleman than this Skipjack) deserves to be funk with Dathan, Corah, and Abiram into the Center of Hell, where Πλέτων, and Isδas finokes together with fuch They hated you because you speek so much the Truth; and this Fellow's puff'd up with quibbles, will be loved because the Religious Worship'd XII Gyneas for the XII Apostles. We Gentlemen serves Mannara not at such rates. We fend no Ingenious and Learned Scholar over to the wrath of some Epicurian Blockheads. All Scholars have a most deep respect for your Worth and Learning, but all invidious and malitious Blades plots rathly against you. Patience. Cerberus

Toad to mend his rotten Peruque will fits also the Dragon, Bull, and Camel of Bashan, to trim up the Erynniades Commodes. And when this dreadful Beast, proud with his new foretop, shall hear jo! jo! then she shall hide, (according to Flaccus Vates Song, (not Vates or Gates Fidlers at Brentford: but Horrace's Odes) her gay bush of Snakes and the vermines will also drop from the Eumenides pates. Sit tibi Socratis patientia cordi. Run on this glorious Race in spight of Envy.

I Subscribe my self,

Your Cordial and

Unfeigned Friend,

Perin del Vago.

Dr. B. H's

ANSWER.

SIR,

IF the Mystery of a Plot lies hidden in the bottom of Hell, it will not be only difficult to draw it out of the Dunghill, but also dangerous to difturb the Snakes and Hornets. This is the reason that I never took much pains to inquire nicely in news of publick Distractions, being a derogation of Happiness. You being not only a Hearer, but also a Contriver of this Plot, was by a sudden movement of your good Nature induced to divest your self of Falshood, and to discover ingenuously the Causes and Reasons for which I have been these ten Years a Sacrifice to pestiling Slander and Envy. I return you thanks not so much for the discovering of the Plot, as well for your indignation and good Counsel to Submission, in hopes that my Patience will turn to the destruction of them all. So soon as I came to Brentford, I was fensible that there was ebbing and

flowing of Helvoetfluys Struck daily streaming, which roft me to the brink of being overflow'd on shore: But I did not think the Dutch Ministers to be so outragiously restless, that they shou'd, after a free Recantation, persecute and torment me with fuch insupportable Indignities without measure. I cannot but be amazed at the frightful Squibs thrown against me. They will, par force, have me the Author of the Vox Clamantis. They know that Dr. Hill at Rotterdam is the Writer; the Marginal Notes were put down by my Brother who used to record the Orgiorum Arcana, which particularities were so hidden to me as the P. of O. coming over. If that Dutch Minister had not met me in my Abode in Oxford, and if the other Minister, which succeeded him, had not been set on by Ryssenius, a Disturber of common Peace, no body ever had thought upon me. This Fellow having Credentials and Reprisals of the Vox Clamantis Gang, debauched my familiar Friends, to intangle, to fubdue the brisk Spirits of my Soul, and to stop the motion of my Studies. This cowardly proceeding Lattributed to the weakness of a Calvinistical Zeal, which used to make Heaven it self a Torture: But finding them in their perfuing, more crafty and malicious than Tityus Othus, I attributed it to the Devil, who is the Inventor, ventor, Encourager, and Guide of this Plot. The wonderful performance of this hellish yexation, is detestable and unpardonable. I cannot enough lament that my Friends, which I had purchased so dear, soon turn my sincere Conversation to my Destruction. This manifests that they put all perions of Quality and Gentlemen, to whom I am indebted for the support of my fafety against me. Also when I complain'd of the brutish Dealings of the Hirelings, which was four'd with Dutch Eleemofinary Money, and that these disguis'd Friends induced the same mercenary Slanderers to report, That I did not abuse them in particular, but that I reflected alfo upon the Innocent Nation, is a clear demonstration of their Infidelity, and an undeniable This deceitful Witness of their Wickedness. Traytors induc'd me to refign the cement of all Society, and to fetter me in a Garden, in which are no false Flatterers, but naked Darlings, I mean the Muses and Flora. The irrecoverable loss of my Writings is no grief to me, having writ them in my Youth in prosperity. Now persecuted, I must be more prudent and serious. And whereas I am inform'd that there is a League betwixt my Enemies and the Whores, I must (Legio being in the bunch of the Megæra) be upon my Guard. That I am sharply, but falsely accused of Atheism, will testiffe the very Spies, which attempted this baseness ness to rob me, by Perjury, of the indispensible Duty to my Creator. Which wrong Assertion of Priesterast, will be clearly resuted in scripto de Origine vulgaris convicii and, quo Philologia Sacerdotibus immerità solent traduci.

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